

**Table 6. Percents (with standard errors) of cancer among persons 18 years of age and over, by selected characteristics: United States, 1997**

Selected characteristic	Selected type of cancer <sup>1</sup>			
	Any cancer	Breast cancer	Cervical cancer	Prostate cancer
	Percent <sup>2</sup> (standard error)			
Total . . . . .	6.3 (0.14)	1.0 (0.06)	1.1 (0.08)	1.4 (0.10)
Sex				
Male . . . . .	5.4 (0.19)	*0.0 (0.01)	...	1.4 (0.10)
Female . . . . .	7.1 (0.20)	2.0 (0.11)	1.1 (0.08)	...
Age				
18–44 years . . . . .	2.0 (0.11)	0.2 (0.03)	1.1 (0.12)	*0.0 (0.01)
45–64 years . . . . .	7.1 (0.29)	1.3 (0.12)	1.2 (0.17)	0.8 (0.17)
65–74 years . . . . .	17.5 (0.71)	2.6 (0.27)	1.3 (0.25)	5.7 (0.66)
75 years and over . . . . .	21.9 (0.87)	4.3 (0.38)	*0.6 (0.22)	11.7 (1.16)
Race and ethnicity <sup>3</sup>				
White non-Hispanic . . . . .	7.5 (0.18)	1.2 (0.07)	1.4 (0.11)	1.6 (0.13)
Black non-Hispanic . . . . .	3.1 (0.25)	0.6 (0.11)	*0.4 (0.11)	1.4 (0.28)
Other non-Hispanic . . . . .	3.0 (0.56)	*1.0 (0.32)	*0.2 (0.14)	*0.8 (0.56)
Hispanic . . . . .	2.3 (0.24)	0.5 (0.10)	0.5 (0.14)	0.4 (0.12)
Poverty status <sup>4</sup>				
Poor . . . . .	5.2 (0.33)	0.9 (0.13)	1.0 (0.18)	0.9 (0.25)
Near poor . . . . .	7.4 (0.35)	1.1 (0.14)	1.6 (0.26)	1.6 (0.26)
Not poor . . . . .	6.1 (0.19)	0.9 (0.07)	1.1 (0.12)	1.3 (0.12)
Region				
Northeast . . . . .	5.6 (0.30)	1.1 (0.13)	0.6 (0.15)	1.6 (0.24)
Midwest . . . . .	6.1 (0.28)	1.1 (0.12)	1.0 (0.16)	1.3 (0.18)
South . . . . .	6.6 (0.25)	1.0 (0.09)	1.3 (0.16)	1.4 (0.16)
West . . . . .	6.6 (0.31)	1.0 (0.12)	1.4 (0.20)	1.3 (0.26)
Sex and age				
Male:				
18–44 years . . . . .	1.1 (0.12)	*—	...	*0.0 (0.01)
45–64 years . . . . .	5.6 (0.39)	*0.1 (0.03)	...	0.8 (0.17)
65 years and over . . . . .	21.9 (0.90)	*0.1 (0.07)	...	8.1 (0.61)
Female:				
18–44 years . . . . .	2.9 (0.18)	0.4 (0.07)	1.1 (0.12)	...
45–64 years . . . . .	8.5 (0.43)	2.6 (0.23)	1.2 (0.17)	...
65 years and over . . . . .	17.6 (0.65)	5.7 (0.38)	1.0 (0.17)	...
Race, ethnicity and age				
White non-Hispanic:				
18–44 years . . . . .	2.4 (0.15)	0.2 (0.04)	1.4 (0.17)	*0.0 (0.01)
45–64 years . . . . .	7.9 (0.34)	1.3 (0.14)	1.5 (0.21)	0.6 (0.16)
65 years and over . . . . .	21.1 (0.62)	3.6 (0.26)	1.1 (0.20)	8.5 (0.69)
Black non-Hispanic:				
18–44 years . . . . .	1.2 (0.21)	*0.1 (0.07)	*0.4 (0.14)	*—
45–64 years . . . . .	4.8 (0.63)	1.4 (0.33)	*0.5 (0.27)	*2.3 (0.80)
65 years and over . . . . .	9.2 (1.14)	*1.1 (0.37)	*—	*7.5 (1.63)
Other non-Hispanic:				
18–44 years . . . . .	*1.1 (0.41)	*0.4 (0.28)	*0.1 (0.10)	*—
45–64 years . . . . .	5.1 (1.49)	*2.2 (0.85)	*0.5 (0.52)	*2.5 (1.74)
65 years and over . . . . .	*11.3 (3.38)	*2.0 (1.22)	*—	*—
Hispanic:				
18–44 years . . . . .	1.1 (0.21)	*0.1 (0.05)	*0.5 (0.17)	*—
45–64 years . . . . .	3.3 (0.60)	1.0 (0.27)	*0.4 (0.24)	*0.2 (0.19)
65 years and over . . . . .	9.6 (1.54)	*2.8 (0.90)	*0.5 (0.35)	*5.3 (1.64)
Race, ethnicity, sex, and age				
White non-Hispanic male:				
18–44 years . . . . .	1.4 (0.16)	*—	...	*0.0 (0.01)
45–64 years . . . . .	6.2 (0.45)	*0.0 (0.03)	...	0.6 (0.16)
65 years and over . . . . .	24.1 (1.03)	*0.1 (0.08)	...	8.5 (0.69)

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Selected characteristic	Selected type of cancer <sup>1</sup>			
	Any cancer	Breast cancer	Cervical cancer	Prostate cancer
Race, ethnicity, sex, and age—Con.				
Percent <sup>2</sup> (standard error)				
White non-Hispanic female:				
18–44 years . . . . .	3.4 (0.24)	0.4 (0.08)	1.4 (0.17)	...
45–64 years . . . . .	9.5 (0.52)	2.6 (0.27)	1.5 (0.21)	...
65 years and over . . . . .	19.0 (0.73)	6.2 (0.44)	1.1 (0.20)	...
Black non-Hispanic male:				
18–44 years . . . . .	*0.5 (0.20)	*—	...	*—
45–64 years . . . . .	4.3 (1.03)	*—	...	*2.3 (0.80)
65 years and over . . . . .	11.8 (2.05)	*—	...	7.5 (1.63)
Black non-Hispanic female:				
18–44 years . . . . .	1.7 (0.32)	*0.3 (0.13)	*0.4 (0.14)	...
45–64 years . . . . .	5.3 (0.79)	2.5 (0.59)	*0.5 (0.27)	...
65 years and over . . . . .	7.5 (1.31)	*1.9 (0.62)	*—	...
Hispanic male:				
18–44 years . . . . .	*0.3 (0.17)	*—	...	*—
45–64 years . . . . .	*1.9 (0.79)	*0.3 (0.22)	...	*0.2 (0.19)
65 years and over . . . . .	7.6 (2.11)	*—	...	*5.3 (1.64)
Hispanic female:				
18–44 years . . . . .	1.9 (0.40)	*0.1 (0.11)	*0.5 (0.17)	...
45–64 years . . . . .	4.6 (0.86)	1.6 (0.46)	*0.4 (0.24)	...
65 years and over . . . . .	11.1 (2.23)	*4.8 (1.56)	*0.5 (0.35)	...
Poverty status and age				
Poor:				
18–44 years . . . . .	1.8 (0.25)	*0.2 (0.08)	1.0 (0.24)	*—
45–64 years . . . . .	9.5 (1.03)	1.8 (0.39)	*1.3 (0.47)	*1.3 (0.64)
65 years and over . . . . .	14.4 (1.28)	3.2 (0.62)	*0.7 (0.32)	*6.0 (2.01)
Near poor:				
18–44 years . . . . .	2.3 (0.30)	*0.2 (0.08)	1.5 (0.37)	*—
45–64 years . . . . .	7.9 (0.86)	1.3 (0.32)	*1.6 (0.61)	*1.2 (0.46)
65 years and over . . . . .	19.7 (1.10)	3.4 (0.44)	2.0 (0.44)	7.3 (1.25)
Not poor:				
18–44 years . . . . .	2.1 (0.15)	0.2 (0.04)	1.1 (0.16)	*—
45–64 years . . . . .	6.7 (0.35)	1.3 (0.15)	1.1 (0.21)	*0.7 (0.21)
65 years and over . . . . .	22.1 (0.93)	3.2 (0.37)	*0.8 (0.28)	8.5 (0.88)

\* Figure does not meet standard of reliability or precision.

— Quantity zero.

0.0 Quantity more than zero but less than 0.05.

... Category not applicable.

<sup>1</sup>Respondents were asked if they had ever been told by a doctor or other health professional that they had a cancer or a malignancy of any kind. They were then asked to name the kind of cancer they had. Persons may be represented in more than one column.<sup>2</sup>Unknowns for the variable of interest are not included in the denominators when calculating percents.<sup>3</sup>"Other non-Hispanic" includes non-Hispanic persons who identified their race as American Indian, Alaska Native, Asian, or Pacific Islander. These categories are too small to show separately. Persons of Hispanic origin may be of any race.<sup>4</sup>Poverty status is based on family income and family size using the U.S. Census Bureau's poverty thresholds. "Poor" persons are defined as below the poverty threshold. "Near poor" persons have incomes of 100% to less than 200% of the poverty threshold. "Not poor" persons have incomes 200% or greater than the poverty threshold.